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Title: SHAPE OF MICRODOT MARK FORMED BY LASER BEAM AND  
MICRODOT MARKING METHOD  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 30, 2003. Applicants request amendment, reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

A petition for a two-month time extension to respond to the Office Action and a petition fee are enclosed.

Applicants kindly request a telephone interview with the Examiner and Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this Response.

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